

Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston Marine Safety Unit Galveston Vessel Traffic Service Houston

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The Department of Homeland Security has made the following documents available to Company Security Officers, Vessel Security Officers, and Facility Security Officers for those entities regulated under 33 CFR 104, 105, or 106 as well as Area Maritime Security Committee members:

- DHS FBI JIB#149: Potential Terrorist Exploitation of Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Systems, U//FOUO, 24Sep04
- DHS FBI JIB#148: Al-Qaida Surveillance Tactics Similar to Those in Recovered Training Manual, U//FOUO, 15Sep04
- DHS FBI JIB #147: Compressed Gas Cylinders Used as Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), U//FOUO, 10Sep04
- DHS FBI Joint Information Bulletin #146: Use of Thermite to Degrade Infrastructure, U//FOUO, 03Sep04
- Al-Qaida Interest in Targeting Highly Populated Areas in Large U.S. Cities Prior to November Elections, U//FOUO, 27Aug04

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As a reminder, all vessel and facility operators are advised to report suspicious persons or activities to MSO Houston-Galveston at (713) 671-5100 ext. 0, or to the National Response Center at (800) 424-8802. Report forms can be found at <http://www.amsc-hougal.com/support/SuspiciousActivityReport.pdf>.

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